

# The Monthly A·C·E

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Revealed this month—the secret  
Swiss beer empire that funded the  
purchase of a Ten-Tec RX-340 re-  
ceiver for a certain ACE columnist!

## The Managing Editor's Page

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Due to a lack of input from members, neither Bud Stacey nor Tom Sevart had enough material for a column this month. C'mon people! Send your numbers stations and other unusual communications loggings to Tom and your low-power AM/FM broadcasting info and opinions to Bud; their addresses are on the back cover.

Well-known MW DXer Pat Griffith of Denver reports he is hearing a pirate on 1470 that identifies as "KCFL." It plays classic rock/top 40 music and identifies frequently as KCFL and "Super CFL" (an obvious tribute to the legendary 1960s Chicago AM rock station, WCFL). There are two announcers, one of whom is referred to as "the Professor." Anyone else hearing this?

I hope one of your new year's resolutions including supporting the ACE! Why not contribute to the various columns and tell your DX friends about the club?

*Harry*

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## LATE LOGS

### KMUD

- 11/17/01, 0051-0530, 6951A (ZR-AZ 332)

### Radio Azteca

- 11/18/01, 2358, 6950A (ZR-AZ 232)

### Sycko Radio

- 11/16/01, 0245-0305+, 6955U (ZR-AZ 332)

### Unid

- 11/19/01, 0050-0105, 6925U (ZR-AZ 222)

### WHYP

- 11/17/01, 0225-0320, 6925A (ZR-AZ 222)

### Z-100

- 11/16/01, 0120-0200+, 6955U (ZR-AZ 333)

## FROM ACROSS THE POND

Nothing. Nada. Zip. Goose Egg.

## NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

### Amiga Computer Generated Radio (Defunct)

- 11/24/01, 0253-0329\*, 6925U – mx – synthesized, computer jokes in binary. (GM-CT 333)(JS-NE)

### Captain Morgan Radio (Unknown)

- 12/11/01, 0206-0211, 6950A – mx – "Jet Airliner". Off with Looney Tunes theme. (AF 321)

### Crunch Radio (FRN/A.C.E.)

- 12/10/01, \*0402-0415+, 6950A – Crunch's usual blend of 30s and 40s tunes interspersed with little comedy ads for things like "Dueling Bongos" and "Crouching Democrat, Hidden Agenda." (LR-NH 555)
- 12/18/01, 0300, 6950A – mx – classical. (AF 322)(LR-NH 555)

### Doomsday Radio (Defunct)

- 11/22/01, 2247-2303\*, 6950U – mx – patriotic and Mike Oldfield. Host Nemesis. (JS-NE)
- 11/23/01, 0001-0134+, 6952A – an episode of "Space Patrol." (JS-NE)
- 11/24/01, 0355-0400+, 6925U – first anniversary show. (JS-NE)

### Freedom 40 (Defunct)

- 11/23/01, 0110-0144\*, 6925U – a show celebrating the SW Pirate Liberation of 1994. (JS-NE 544)(ZR-AZ 444)

### Ground Zero Radio (Blue Ridge Summit)

- 11/22/01, 2324-2344\*, 6925U – ad for Lucky Strikes, G&R, the Quiz. (DC-IN 444)(JS-NE 434)
- 11/23/01, 2350-2355\*, 15070U – tail end of a repeat of 22<sup>nd</sup> broadcast. (JS-NE)
- 11/24/01, 0034-0108\*, 6950A – mx – Queen. Great American Pirate Quiz. Sketches such as "This Old Crackhouse" and Jiffy Lube bimbos. (GM-CT 333)(Pse QSL DC-IN 444 – Dave reports USB?)(JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 333)
- 11/25/01, 0030-0102\*, 6950U – great North American radio. (DC-IN 444)(JS-NE 433)

### Hanukkah Radio (Merlin)

- 12/15/01, 0156-0200+, 6925A – mx – Hanukkah-type. Gave Merlin drop. (GM-CT 555)
- Indira Calling (Providence)**
- 11/24/01, 0109-0132\*, 6925A – mx – Beach Boys. Calcutta, RI drop given. (DC-IN 322)(JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 233)
  - 11/25/01, 0056-0114, 6925A – mx – of the Indian subcontinent. (DC-IN 433)(JS-NE)
  - 12/11/01, 0116-0122, 6925A – mx – ethnic. (DC-IN 444)
- Jurassic Radio (Unknown)**
- 11/23/01, +2313-2345\*, 6950U – talk about dinosaurs, "You're listening to Jurassic Radio", "Jurassic Park" theme music, dinosaur football. Coming to us for Pangaea. (Pse QSL LR-NH 322)(Pse QSL DC-IN 322)(Pse QSL JS-IN 333)
- KMUD (Lone Pine)**
- 12/01/01, 0120-0400, 6952A – a tape of the "Johnny Otis Show" (ZR-AZ 322)
  - 12/09/01, 0030-0143, 6952A – mx – Neil Young. (ZR-AZ 433)
- KTVI (Defunct)**
- 11/24/01, 0154-0232\*, 6925U – mx – Floyd. Inaugural show with host Emanuel Goldstein. (GM-CT)(JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 433)
  - 11/25/01, 0259-0326+, 6951U – show #3 with a broadcast to Europe. (JS-NE)
- Melvin Malfunction Radio (melvinmalfunction@yahoo.com)**
- 12/16/01, \*0324-0328\*, 6955U – MIDI Christmas tune. Very broken up. Possibly Melvin's Malfunctioning? (GM-CT 434)(GZ-OH 242)
  - 12/16/01, +0349-0401\*, 6955U – mx – MIDI/synthesized Christmas tunes. Synthesized male voice wishing us "73!...73!...73!..." and reciting "The Night before Christmas." (LR-NH 555)(GM-CT 444)
- Old Turkey Radio (oldturkeyradio@hotmail.com)**
- 11/23/01, 0333-0350+, 6925U – the traditional rebroadcast of that Turkey-themed Thanksgiving program! (JS-NE)
  - 11/23/01, 0410-0430+, 6955U – Thanksgiving comedy. (ZR-AZ 333)
- Oxycontin Radio (Unknown, might try Belfast)**
- 12/19/01, 0204-0240+, 6925A – mx – oldies/jazz. (DC-IN 544)
  - 12/20/01, 0342-0416+, 6925A – mx – "Tell Me Something Good", "If I Hadn't Been High", "I Got My Mind Set On You." (Pse QSL JS-NE)
- Paragon Radio (Unknown)**
- 12/08/01, 0325, 6950U – mx – computer. (ZR-AZ 333)
  - 12/09/01, 0352-0400\*, 6950U – our host playing "Super Mario Brothers 3" on the air. (Pse QSL JS-NE)
- Radio 3 (A.C.E.)**
- 11/23/01, 0132-0137+, 6950A – could only copy ID. High noise levels. (JS-NE)
- Radio 43 (FRN?)**
- 11/26/01, 0215-0240, 6955U – UFO sound fx, Intergalactic Welcome Mat, muddy audio, possible tel. # (417)624-1809. (AF 332)(DC-IN 444)(ZR-AZ 443)
- Radio Free Euphoria (Belfast)**
- 12/16/01, 2230-2312\*, 6925A – mx – Beatles, 60's. Ad for Beano (never use it myself – Lee) and Jay Smilkstein in beautiful downtown Mt. Kisco. The Captain is "ripped." Many references to the fine people who attend the Kulpville Winter SWL Fest. (AF 422)(Pse QSL LR-NH 534)(GZ-OH 454)
  - 12/17/01, 0120, 6925A – mx – The Association. A message from JTA, the words of Bozo, drug rap. (AF 433)
- Radio Free Helga (Unknown)**
- 12/10/01, +0336-0340+, 6925U – mx – "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy" (sounded like the Andrews Sisters' version.) "You are listening to Radio Free Helga, coming to you from..." (Pse QSL LR-NH 322)
- RMMWW/Slim Shady Radio (slimshadyradio@yahoo.com)**
- 12/16/01, +0545-0616\*, 6925A – mx – Christmas-related rap songs. Clips from "The Real Slim Shady" used as IS and station breaks, clip of Santa. (Pse QSL LR-555)(JS-NE)
  - 12/18/01, 0405-0428\*, 6950A – a repeat of the show of the 16<sup>th</sup>. (JS-NE)
- Spam Radio (Defunct)**

- 11/24/01, 1852-1935\*, 6955A – mx – songs about Spam. Host 'King Spam' with Spam parodies. QSL exchange announced. (GM-CT 333)
- Sycko Radio (psycoradiohd@yahoo.com)**
- 11/23/01, 0307-0345+, 6950U – Sci-Fi program "Donovan's Brain." (JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 332)
  - 11/26/01, 0050-0058, 6950U – an extended discussion about flatulence. (AF 433)(ZR-AZ 333)
  - 12/02/01, 1443+, 6955U – Sycko pulling an all-nighter. Weak signal. (JS-NE)
  - 12/17/01, 0327, 6955U – radio check, assorted oddness and "I don't know what the hell I'm doing!" (AF 242)
- The Voice of the Runaway Maharishi (Belfast)**
- 11/24/01, 2339-0007\*, 6925A – songs about the finer things in life (drugs.) (DC-IN)(JS-NE)
- United Patriot Militia Bingo (Merlin)**
- 12/15/01, 0253-0352\*, 6925A – mx – Thomas Dolby. Steve Anderson on the air. Militia Action figure. (AF 322)(Pse QSL FM-NH 333)(JS-NE333)
- WHYP (Providence)**
- 11/22/01, 0220-0312, 6925A – Wx reports with James, Captain Ganja on correct drug usage. (JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 222)
  - 11/24/01, 0003-0032+, 6925A – a Brownyard Family Christmas. (JS-NE)
  - 11/24/01, 0110+, 6925A – Ravi Brownyard and George Zeller on tour with the Beach Boys. (GM-CT 545)
  - 12/09/01, 0028-0051\*, 6955A – mx – Christmas themed including Hawaii. Programming announced as being inspired by Maharishi Ganja rather than James Brownyard. (GZ-OH 252)
  - 12/10/01, 2331-2346, 6925A – Hanukkah px. (ZR-AZ 223)
  - 12/11/01, 0150-0201, 6925A – mx – Christmas song parodies. Visit to Pat Murphy and Dxers. (AF 533)
  - 12/15/01, 0017-0043\*, 6925A – mx – Hanukkah and a Christmas song for Allen Maxwell. James in good form and most heinous singing heard as well. A visit from cousin Abe. (AF 433)(Pse QSL FM-NH 444)(GM-CT 545)
- WLIQ (wliq6955@excite.com)**
- 12/17/01, 0151-0155, 6955U – mx – old time country or bluegrass. Very weak. (AF 231)
- WMFQ (Providence)**
- 12/01/01, 0601-0640, 6950A – mx – Beatles, ELO. (ZR-AZ 333)
  - 12/10/01, 0216-0230+, 6925A – mx – George Harrison. (JS-NE)
- WMOE (wmoe6955@yahoo.com)**
- 12/15/01, 2311-2343\*, 6925A – mx – Celtic, Enya, Bing Crosby. Many Stooze clips and Stooze Christmas songs played by your host; Moe Howard. (AF 433)(Pse QSL LR-NH 555)
- WPAT (wpat6955usb@hotmail.com)**
- 12/15/01, 0359-0414, 6955U – convoy – eastbound and down. (DC-IN 433)
  - 12/16/01, 0107-0118\*, 6955U – mx – Country, Roger Miller's "Chug-a-Lug." OM annrcr says they have plans for a 2kW transmitter. (AF 232)(GM-CT 434)(GZ-OH)(JS-NE 433)
- Z-100 (bigz100fm@yahoo.com)**
- 11/25/01, 0307, 6955U – good mx mix. (DC-IN 322)
  - 12/15/01, 0152-0208\*, 6955U – mx – Steely Dan, BOC. Commercial quality IDs and jingles. (GZ-OH 242)(DC-IN 322)
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- TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED**
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- Radio Doomsday?**
- 11/24/01, 0331-0400, 6925U – just caught a Radio Doomsday ID. (GM-CT 232)
- Radio Three?**
- 11/24/01, 0235-0245\*, 6925U – OM annrcr with Radio Three ID. Announced Providence drop. (GM-CT 131)
  - 12/18/01, 0436, 6925A – mx – Right Said Fred. Host Sal Ammoniac. Faded out. (AF 322)
- Radio Tornado Worldwide?**
- 12/04/01, 0240-0300\*, 6925A – mx – "Shining Star", "I'm a Man." Doctor Shortwave audio clips. (JS-NE)

## Unid

- 11/24/01, 0231-0245+, 6925U – distorted audio. ID of "Voice of...?" and Providence drop given. (Pse QSL JS-NE)
- 11/24/01, 0331+, 6925U – talk about Pirate liberation. Reverb on station ID. "Radio...?" (Pse QSL JS-NE)(Maybe Freedom 40? – Lee)
- 12/01/01, 0318-0350, 6925A – porn movie audio. (ZR-AZ 333)(Overlaps with following entry? – Lee)
- 12/01/01, 0350-0352, 6925A – tail end of the live version of "Seven Bridges Road." (Pse QSL JS-NE)
- 12/02/01, 0354-0452+, 6955U – British documentary on Pink Floyd. (GM-CT 333)(Suspect it was Sycko, Greg! – Lee)(JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 333)
- 12/04/01, 0205, 6925U – mx – rap. (ZR-AZ 322)
- 12/15/01, 0123-0124, 6925A – mx – Bangles' "Walk like an Egyptian." (GM-CT 434)
- 12/15/01, 0130-0139\*, 6925A – test broadcast. Announcer asked that reports be posted on the Internet. (Host sounded like TIER) (GM-CT 545)
- 12/20/01, 0408-0419+, 6925A – mx – female vocals followed by OM talking. Very weak. (LR-NH 232)

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## TEN YEARS AFTER...

Ten years ago, in the January 1992 A.C.E. DiaLogs column, the following stations (amongst others) were reported active –

KXKVI, Omega Radio, Radio Free New England, Radio USA, The Voice of the Voyager, WHO, WJFK and WSKY

- 7415 was the frequency of choice; USB the mode, *bon vivant* & *raconteur* George Zeller (back then) used to be favorably compared to George Clooney and KXKVI was the only station that could make even KIPM sound weak by comparison. There were also 27 individuals submitting reports that month.

## RAMBLINGS

Okay, first of all – Happy New Year! I managed to get this column out in a heck of a hurry (work was crazy and I'm spending Christmas and New Year's in the UK) and it's looking pretty good. Activity for the month was excellent and we have a nice list of loggings for you all even though we had fewer people reporting in than is usual.

There were a fair number of retransmissions of old stations on tape, the Faribault, MN drop was given on these. As far as I know, this drop is long gone. (Can anyone inform me to the contrary?) As a tidbit of useless information, a web search indicates that Minnesota revels in possessing both a "Faribault" and a "Fairbault"! Boy, those Minnesotans sure are wild and crazy guys, eh?

Incidentally, a number of listeners would like to thank the relay station(s) responsible for the broadcasts of the old stations!

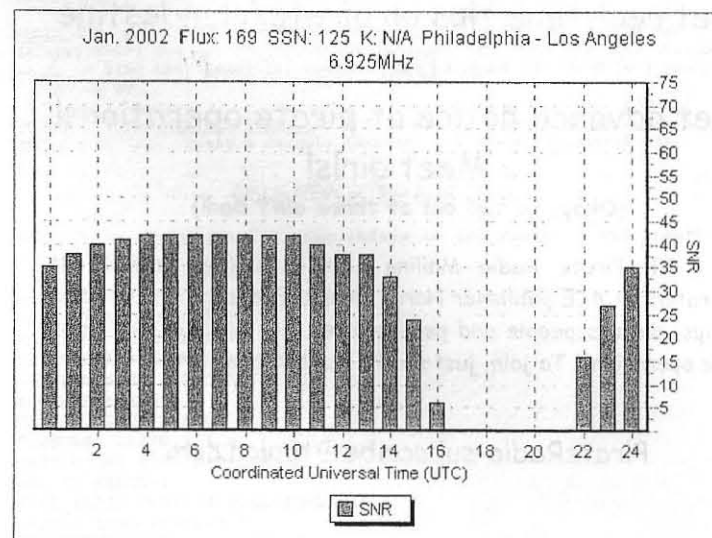
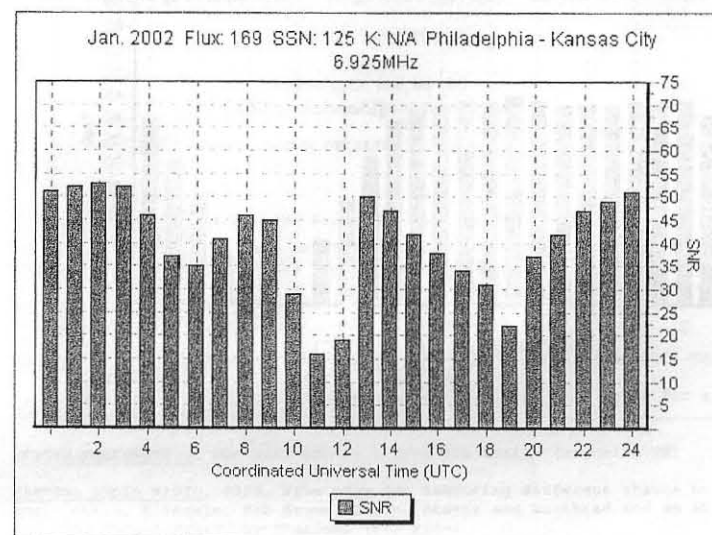
I've added a little section up above that tells you what was going on ten years ago. Nothing fancy, just to provide a reminder of who was on (and where) back then. Feedback is solicited as to whether it's of any interest or just a waste of space.

As ever, my thanks to folks who submitted reports!

Please note the change of email address on the column banner – the old address is going away. Soon.

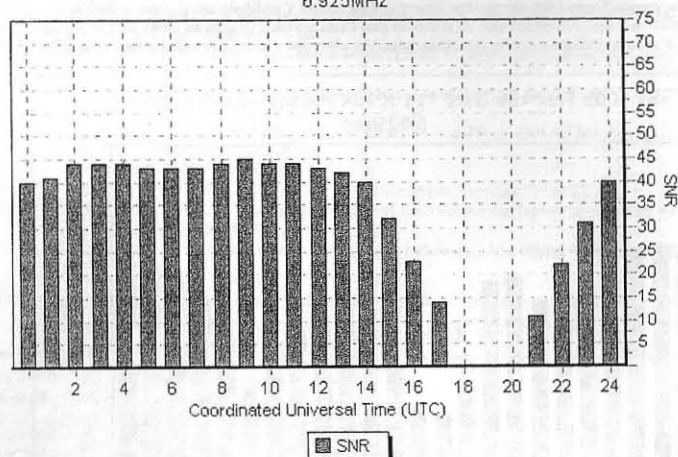
## PROPAGATION

Okay, folks, standard intra-USA propagation chart this time around. Conditions are as good as they're going to be all year for 6925 operations. If you're an East Coast operator you can be pretty sure of getting out well just about any time except for around early/middle afternoon when things will dip for a little while.





Jan. 2002 Flux 169 SSN: 125 K: N/A Kansas City - Los Angeles  
6.925MHz



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# VERIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: January 19<sup>th</sup>

Welcome to 2002 and a belated Happy New Year to all ACE members.

In this issue, we will have our first annual QSL REVIEW, listing all verifications reported to the Veried Response during 2001.

Many thanks to the following fine folks for sending in their stuff.  
Gary Neal-TX, Lee Reynolds-NH, John Sedlacek-OK

CRUNCHE RADIO. QSL received in five days for FRN posting. [Reynolds-NH]

KIPM. Full colour Alien Brain lusting after the nurse in 6 weeks for a mailed report. [Sedlacek-NY]

MELVIN MALFUNCTION. Non data QSL in 3 days via email. [Reynolds-NH]

PARTIAL INDIA RADIO, 6955, Five page QSL featuring different sheets on Bozo, Cones, D'Angelo, Bob Brown, Lenin, Beavis and Butthead and an AD for "The Pocket Scarf" by Scarfman [web site: [www.pocketscarf.com](http://www.pocketscarf.com)!] Unique! [Lobdell-MA] Full data QSL package in 5 months. [Lerner-NY]

RADIO OMROEP ZUID/ROZ, -HOLLAND 21890, very nice full data world map card and form letter from Hans in 3 weeks for an email report to [roz.nl@iae.nl](mailto:roz.nl@iae.nl) [Lobdell-MA]

RADIO USA. Full data card and newsletter in 4 years. Newsletter was delayed until the new infosheet was finished. Mr. Blue Sky says listen to us on 9310 kHz. [Neal-TX] "Stinky Feet" contest QSL card in 3 years. [Reynolds-NH]

UNITED PATRIOT MILITIA BINGO. Full data cherry sheet with pictures of Montana Militia, Beans & Jacques LeMilne in 5 weeks. [Sedlacek-NE]

## QSLs REPORTED FOR 2001

The number after station name refers to the month it was reported in the column.

ALAN IVERSON WORLDWIDE-9  
ALFA LIMA INTL-2,3,7  
ALL YOUR BASE RADIO-6,10  
BLIND FAITH RADIO-12  
BORDERHUNTER RADIO-5,6,9,12  
BUCKWHEAT RADIO-7  
CLASSIC ROCK RADIO-11  
CRUNCHE RADIO-3,4,5  
EAST COAST BEER DRINKER- 2  
EAT IT RADIO-4  
FREE RADIO SERVICE HOLLAND-10,12  
GROUND ZERO RADIO-1,9  
JEAN CHRETIAN WORLDWIDE-4  
JOLLY ROGER RADIO/JRRI-Ireland-12

KIPM-1,3,10,12  
 KRMI/R. MICHIGAN INTL-3,5,7  
 MELVIN MALFUNCTION-7  
 MYSTERY SCIENCE RADIO-9,12  
 R. AZTECA-1,2,3,6  
 R. BLACK ARROW-HOLLAND-12  
 R. COCHIGUAZ-7  
 R. EAST COAST HOLLAND-4  
 R. FREE EUPHORIA-5  
 R. FREE LONDON-9  
 R. GARBANZO-2  
 R. NEPTUNE UNIVERSAL SERVICE-1,3,7,12  
 R. THREE-4  
 R. TITANIC INTL-6  
 R. TORENVALK-4  
 R. TOWER-6  
 R. USA-9  
 R. XANAX-6  
 SCREAM OF THE MOSQUITO-1  
 TAKE IT EASY RADIO-4,5  
 UNITED PATRIOT MILITIA BINGO-11,12  
 V. OF CAPTAIN RON SHORTWAVE-4,9  
 V. OF THE ANGRY BASTARD-4,10,11  
 V. OF THE BIZARRO WORLD-6  
 V. OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR CIRCLE ROUTE NETWORK-1  
 V. OF THE LEAKY PEN- 2  
 WAIR-11,12  
 WHYP-1,4,12  
 WLIS-1  
 WMFQ-1,5  
 WMOE-12  
 WMNM/SLIM SHADY RADIO-3

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, HAPPY PIRATE QSLING!

## CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1300-2200 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my [georgez@nacs.net](mailto:georgez@nacs.net) address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page.

### AFGHANISTAN CLANDESTINES

Afghanistan obviously remains a primary focus of world attention, and as a result of the war there continues to be a blizzard of clandestine radio activity directed there. Martin Schoech, Nick Grace, Owen Williamson, Robertas Petraltis, Roberto Iglesias, and Takuya Hirayama of CRW continue to cover this in a literally astonishing manner. The Clandestine Radio Watch web site at <http://www.ClandestineRadio.com/> remains required reading for any serious clandestine buff. The site has even become required reading for much of the world's press. This amazing operation has become the first shortwave radio hobby organization that receives constant usage by press and the public outside our hobby. This has happened because of the extraordinarily high quality of the information provided by CRW, and the rapid speed at which it is updated. Even if you

normally chase pirates and could care less about clandestines, you really ought to take a look at what CRW has posted lately.

In recent weeks CRW has published *two* thick newsletters on a biweekly or sometimes even weekly basis. One covers clandestine broadcast logs and information on a worldwide basis, while the other "CRW Extra" contains the latest breaking Afghanistan clandestine situation. CRW #91 and CRW Extra #91 both ran over 20 pages apiece!

By now it is clear that the 8700 kHz "Commander Solo" Information Radio broadcasts in upper sideband have definitely been a programming feeder to airborne transmitters in Afghanistan. This one has been heard by just about every DXer in the world who has tried for it. It remained on the air through mid-December, so if you haven't tried for it yet, you ought to tune your radio to 8700 tonight.

One interesting contribution to CRW #91 contained a translation of the Arabic message from Commander Solo on 8700 kHz at 0450 UTC, apparently during the second week of December: "To all Al Qa'ada members, Kandahar is not ruled by Mulla Omar any more. he gave the leadership to Mulla Nagibullah. So why are you still fighting? Just remember that Osama Ben Laden is a terrorist and he's not going to help you." T. Zeidan, quoted in DXLD #199 from the BC-DX December 12 issue that contained the translation, wondered why a message like this was being broadcast anyway, given the prior fall of Kandahar. In any event, if you want to hear your tax dollars at work, this is an outstanding station to check out.

Meanwhile, the Voice of Afghanistan has returned to the air on 9950 kHz. Until a stable government emerges in the country, we can classify this one as a clandestine as well. Numerous logs of this one have emerged in the DX press, mostly in the morning with a \*1330 schedule for about an hour.

A deluge of logs and information have poured in on this new operation. It is supposed to be a voice for moderate Afghanistan opinion, operating in Pashto and Farsi. Said Jalal Karim, an Afghan-born businessman now living in Saudi Arabia, is supposed to be the maven behind the operation. He gets funding through a non-profit organization known as the Afghan Broadcasting Company. BBCMS reported their phone number as [+44] 020 7382 9610 per a late November release. A company called Coppernob Business Services has the phone number in London. Station studios are supposed to be located at 21 Worship Street, London, EC2A 2DW, with an e-mail address at [afbc9950@hotmail.com](mailto:afbc9950@hotmail.com) not unlike the e-mail strategy used by many USA pirates. A web site is supposed to be developed at <http://www.afghanbroadcasting.net> shortly. QSL's are supposedly materializing via the e-mail address.

In any event, the number of loggings of both the 9950 and 8700 stations has soared into the hundreds around the world. If you hear them, let us know.

### CIA CLANDESTINE DESTROYED SEPTEMBER 11?

For some reason I've seen very little coverage of the issue in the press, but Zeke Russell forwards an article from the November 4 edition of the *Arizona Republic*, reprinted from the *New York Times* that discusses the alleged destruction of a CIA "clandestine station" in the World Trade Center on September 11. The best way to print the allegation is to quote it, "The CIA's clandestine New York City station was destroyed in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center, seriously disrupting U.S. intelligence operations while bringing the war on terrorism dangerously close to home for America's spy agency, government officials say."

The implication of this is that the CIA might have had a clandestine radio station in the 7 World Trade Center building, but it appears that this is highly unlikely. The "station" identified by the *Times* and *Republic* is probably best understood as an office, not a broadcasting site. Apparently the CIA was able to recover secret documents stored in the

station. The USA government does not believe that the CIA station had anything to do with the targeting of the World Trade Center for military attack.

#### MASYGA ON BIN LADEN

Among the unlikely and unwitting pirate/ clandestine broadcasters of December was Osama Bin Laden himself. Numerous radio stations, TV stations, and newspapers around the world ran the news that Osama's broadcasts via two-way handhelds have been regularly intercepted by the CIA. Alan P. Masyga forwards us a copy of the top of the front page headline in the December 16 *Winona Daily News* that joined the deluge of media coverage. The Bin Laden transmissions were widely cited as coming via "short range radio." The AP description of these radio interceptions said, "Americans have several ways to listen in on such radio transmissions, including gear carried by special operations forces and instruments on aircraft and satellites."

However, I have seen no logs of Osama in the DX or scanning press.

#### CUMBRE DX

Longtime ACE supporter Ullis Fleming reminds us that the weekly *Cumbre DX* newsletter remains an outstanding source for shortwave DX loggings and news. Clandestine radio material is always prominent in their material. I'll quote from the end of *Cumbre* #378, which reads, "For more information about the *Cumbre DX* newsletter and a sample copy plus submission guidelines, please send an e-mail to Ullis Fleming at: [ullis@bellatlantic.net](mailto:ullis@bellatlantic.net)." The newsletter remains free, as always, but they like to get information contributions before they put you on the list. If you haven't checked out *Cumbre* lately, this is a good time to do it.

*Cumbre DX* 378, dated December 21, had data on five different clandestines. Harjot Singh Brar of India heard the Iranian clandestine Sedeye Mojahed, presumably from Iraq, on 5760//6820 kHz around 0125 UTC. Olle Alm of Sweden and Hans Johnson of Florida both noted regular reception of the anti-China FDWR clandestine on 5925 kHz despite some transmitter buzzing and maybe some jamming, although neither Olle or Hans listed any times. Richard Lam of Singapore sent in a log of the Voice of the Communist Party of Iran, believed to broadcast from a Kurdistan transmitter on 3881 kHz from 1430-1530\* UTC. Charles Jones of Australia sent in a log of Radio Biafra International on 12125 kHz at 1925 UTC. Plus, Harjot Singh Brar logged the Voice of the People of Kurdistan, obviously going the other way from Iraq, on 4060//6995 at 1800 UTC. (This one is sometimes heard much later in the evening, and you might stumble across it while tuning the pirate band). As you can see, the worldwide contributors list in *Cumbre* generally provides a good diversity of clandestine coverage.

#### ANDERSON STILL AT LARGE

As we reported last month, Steve Anderson of United Patriot Radio still remains at large despite a long manhunt by the Kentucky State Police. The station's parody pirate, United Patriot Militia Bingo, still remains on the air as we see in *The ACE* this month. But, otherwise, this astonishing domestic USA shortwave clandestine has disappeared from 6900 kHz.

#### WINTER SWL FEST

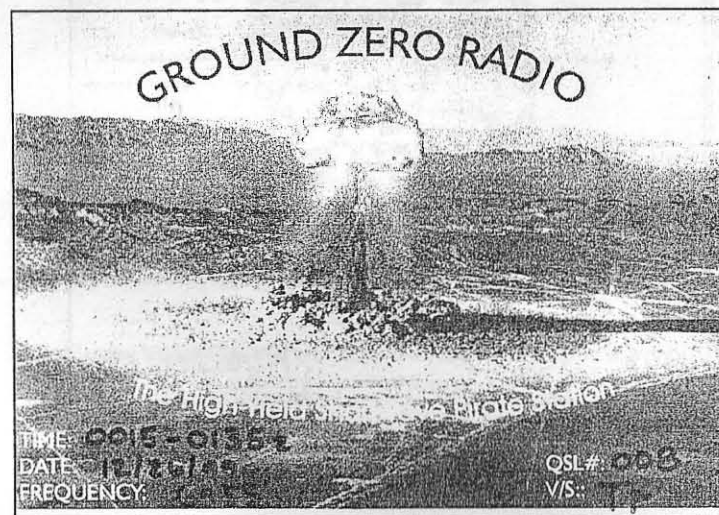
It's that time of year again. John Figliozzi and Richard Cuff of the Winter SWL Fest organizing committee, in association with NASWA, announce the forthcoming Winter SWL Festival. This year's Fest will be the 15th annual event in Kulpville, Pennsylvania. From the very beginning of this event there has been a large representation of people interested in pirate radio, clandestine radio, and other unusual broadcasts. This year will continue the tradition. Any event where the climax consists of a pirate broadcast from the Voice of Pancho Villa has to grab the attention of ACE members. Last year the event

featured perhaps the largest gathering of pirate radio aficionados ever assembled on one podium, consisting of Alan Weiner of so many pirates that we don't have room to list them all, our ACE HQ operator John T. Arthur, Andrew Yoder of *Hobby Broadcasting* magazine, and *Monitoring Times* Outer Limits columnist George Zeller. Throw in DJ Stevie of Swiss pirate Radio 510 representing the Europirate scene, as well as more than a dozen North American pirate radio operators, and it's obvious that the Fest is something well worth attending. Plus, pirate radio is by no means the only focus of the Fest. It covers shortwave broadcast DXing, utilities, satellite monitoring, scanning, and just about all facets of the radio hobby. A nice collection of international broadcasting personalities always shows up. A silent auction, the annual banquet, bottomless kegs and tubs of beverages, and literally scores of radio prizes will round out the 15th Fest, just like all of the others.

It's time to make your plans to be in Kulpville on March 8 and 9. (Many people show up a day early on March 7). The location, a Best Western (formerly Holiday Inn) at the first exit north of Philadelphia on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension, is easily accessible to a majority of ACE members. Full registration information is available for a SASE to SWL Winterfest, PO Box 4153, Clifton Park, NY 12065. The continually upgraded Fest web site at <http://www.swlfest.com/> also contains detailed Fest information. I hope to see you there. A good time is guaranteed.

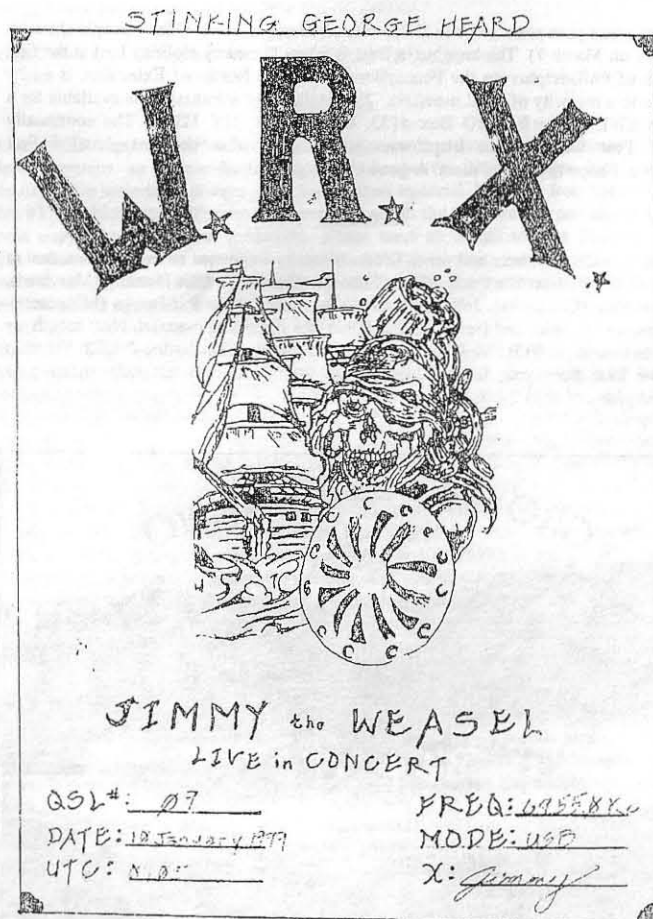
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